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CONFIRMATION NO.: 4047
FILING DATE: September 21, 1999
TITLE: Expandable Slotted Tubing String And Method For
Connecting Such A Tubing String
INVENTOR: Paul David Metcalfe
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Attached please find a Response to Office Action dated November 17, 2003.

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In re Application of:
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Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 17, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0076Y1/WBP, the fee of the fee of \$104.00 for 2 additional claims, including 1 independent claim, along with any other fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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